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Description

These documents, which cover the years 1884-1912, consist of correspondence by Louise Igoe Miller (1858-1937), a friend of Mina Miller Edison who married her brother, Robert Anderson Miller, in 1887. The letters are addressed to Mina and to Mina's mother (Louise's mother-in-law), Mary Valinda Miller. Included are letters pertaining to invitations to the Boston home of Ezra and Lillian Gilliland, where Edison proposed to Mina Miller in September 1885. Also included is an item in which Louise claims that roller-skating "seems to be quite the rage in Canton" Ohio. Some of the letters denote enthusiasm for Edison's work on the kinetograph and his alkaline storage battery. One item relating to investments in his ore milling technologies contains notations by Edison. Other letters concern visits with Mina Edison, news of her children, and gifts from her. There are also references to Mina's brother, Theodore W. Miller, who died as a result of wounds received in combat during the Spanish-American War. Some of the letters from 1901-1902 were written in Ponce, Puerto Rico, where Robert was serving as U.S. Postmaster.

Seven additional letters from 1901-1902, along with four undated letters, have not been selected. Two of the undated items are probably from 1902-1903, while another dates from 1911-1912. The last letter was written in the summer of 1912, a few months before Mary Valinda's death. The letters contain occasional references to Mina Edison. Included are brief comments about Mina's troubles with her cook; a gift of Thanksgiving bowls from Mina to Louise and Robert; and a visit to Oak Place, the Miller family home in Akron, by Mina and the children in June 1902. Other topics mentioned in the unselected letters include an impending visit to Puerto Rico by Mina's sister, Mary Emily Miller; the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Robert and Louise; Robert Jr.'s enrollment in Oak Place School; plans to build a cottage at Chautauqua; and the funeral of automobile manufacturer Clement Studebaker.

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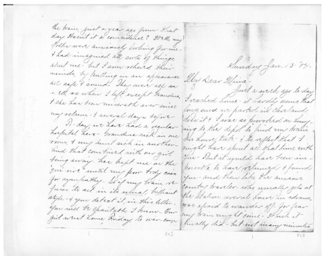

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Editor's Notes
long, chatty personal letter.

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Elder, Mary
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Harvard University

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the train - just a year ago from that day. Wasnt it a coincidence? Well, my folks were anxiously looking for me - & had imagined all sorts of things about me - but I soon relieved their minds, by putting in an appearance all safe & sound. They were all as well, as when I left, except Grandma, & she has been miserable ever since my return - & several days before -

To-day we have had a regular hospital here - Grandma sick in one room, & my Aunt sick in another - and that combined with our girl being away - has kept me on the "qui vive" until my poor body cries for sympathy - So if my brain refuses to act in its usual brilliant style - & you detect it, in this letter - you will be charitable, I know - Our girl went home Friday to wel-come

Sunday, Jan. 13 - '84 -

My Dear Mina -

Just a week ago to-day I reached home - it hardly seems that long, since we parted in Cleveland, does it? I was so provoked on hurrying to the depot to find my train an hour late - & to reflect that I might have spent all that time with you - But it would have been impossible to have returned & found you - and then like the anxious country traveler - who usually gets at the station several hours in advance, was afraid to wander off - for fear my train might come - which it finally did - but not many minutes week - then she will be at home - When the disparity is so great between mine & Mary's, that I doubt the sameness of sending it at the same time. But mine have to go freighted with love - in order to make the proper balance -

I'm going to commence my painting again soon - my teacher was here yesterday - He has but just returned from Europe - & is now ready to take up his old class - His home is in Cincinnati, & he comes here once a week, to give lessons - I am quite delighted at the prospect, & shall be so glad, when we get started - That is about the only way to work - otherwise one is apt to let everything interfere -

To-morrow is a large reception given by Senator Harrison to his son - who has just married the daughter of ex-Senator Saunders of Nebraska -

a severe attack of home-sickness, & since her absence - it has fallen to my lot, to take charge of the culinary department. You can imagine the family do not live high - during this brief vacation.

But what little I do - is not easy, & I will welcome her to-morrow with a feeling akin to joy - I spare you from the rest of the quotation. On my return from your house - Mary Elder's brother Will asked me - if I had given you the message he sent you - & was thoroughly disgusted to find I had forgotten all about it - so to alleviate his wounded pride - I told him in my first letter to you - I would not fail to mention, that he wished to be remembered to you. He says that I rave so about you, that I might surely do him the kindness, to allow him to appreciate you at a distance - so now his message has been given - & I am exonerated!

I think now of so many things, I would liked to have talked about with both you & Jennie - but the time seemed so short, that I kept constantly in my mind, the thought that I must soon be starting - One has to become accustomed to these sudden transits - so they can collect their thoughts in equally as brief a time. But I did enjoy my visit so much - It will do me good for the entire Winter. I had been in the sick-room so much, that the change did me a world of good. And then 'twas so lovely to be there when you were all at home - I wondered if you would really get off on Monday - as you expected, for 'twas so cold, that it hardly seemed probable - but I received a letter from Robert yesterday - & he said you started that day - He said they had been having elegant sleighing - Wasn't it a shame - that it couldn't have been just a few days sooner - that we might have enjoyed our coasting? Perhaps though it is better for our health, that it was as it was. I suppose you got through your shopping all in good time, & probably by this time have received the dress - if so - how do you like it?

Jennie said she would not remain long in Boston - so presume she is now residing in New York - To-day is her birth-day - I hope she will have many many of them - & all filled with happiness - Mary painted her a very pretty lamp - you will not see it, so I will tell you about it - The bowl is of china - & it is mounted in brass - I think it is very pretty - & know Jennie will like it - I have a little remembrance for her - but will not send it, until next

If Grandma is well enough - & the elements will permit - I suppose we will go - & look on the fair bride - Just think what an ordeal some people have to go through with - But they say she is very pretty & charming & can stand close scrutiny. I wrote a note to Geo. Vincent thanking him for his card - suppose he is at home by this time. I see the Yale & Harvard Boys, have - by their game of foot-ball - incited the pugilists to take up the game - They should be ashamed to set such a bad example - don't you think so?

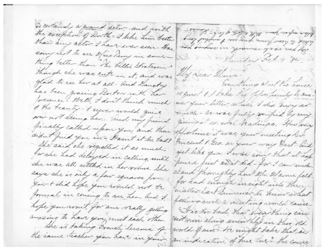
I wrote to my friend Mrs. Gilliland & told her to call on you - so guess you may look for her soon - I like her so much - that I hope you will too. The Oxford Hotel - is on Huntington Ave - she said she thought it was near to your school - Mary's address - I believe you said you wanted it – is #150 N. New-Jersey St. I know she will be glad to hear from you – Tell me where Louie is – or his address – so if I ever come across anything that I think would "nerve" him – I can send it.

Now – my dear girl – you said to write you "a good, long letter" – This certainly has the virtue of length – but am very dubious as to the goodness – Write to me soon though, one of your good letters – for I did enjoy the last one so much – & I promise to always answer promptly – & tell you all I know of interest – With a world of love my sweet girl – Nun wünsche ich Ihnen eine gute Nacht. Schlafen Sie wohl, meine liebliche Freundin!

Believe me always

Your loving friend

#24 Lockerbie Place – Louise M. Love –



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Editor's Notes
long, chatty personal letter.

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Hall, Margaret
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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is certainly a *grand* actor, and with the exception of Booth— I like him better than any actor I have ever seen— Was sorry not to see Miss Terry in something better than "The Belle's Stratagem"— though she was *cute* in it, and was glad to see her at all— And Langtry has been gracing Boston with her presence— Well, I don't think much of the beauty— I never would grieve over not seeing her. And my friend finally called upon you, and then didn't find you in— Wasn't it too bad? She said she regretted it so much, for she had delayed in calling, until she was all settled in her rooms. She says she is only a few squares from you— I did hope you would not be formal in coming to see her— And I hope you won't, for am really getting anxious to have you meet each other—

She is taking French lessons of the same teacher you have in your

By your rash remark in saying you liked to hear from me, you see I inflict long letters upon you— With a *lots* of love— Louise.

Sunday Feb. 10 '84—

My Dear Minna—

Everything about the house is quiet & I take the opportunity to answer your letter, which I did enjoy so much— as was fully verified by my giving it several readings. How very opportune it was, your meeting Dr. Vincent & Geo. on your way East— And yet like you, I was sorry that it happened just as it did— for I can understand thoroughly how Mr. Warner felt— for had enough insight into the matter last Summer to know what feeling such a meeting would cause—

It is too bad, that everything can not run along smoothly in this old world of ours— We might take that as an indication of "true love"— the course of which is never supposed to run smooth.

But human nature, you know, is inclined to doubt, and it might be hard to convince him of its truth. Like you I thoroughly admire Mr. Marvin & hate for anything so trivial, or at least, which seems as though it might be so easily avoided, to occur to mar his happiness. And should think the Dr. could see through it – but it probably doesn't suit his pleasure to do so.

And besides we can't "reform all Boston" so we will have to content ourselves with thinking & let things work out as they will – Am afraid anything like that would have a tendency to spoil my disposition – so tis well I have no such conflicts to fight. This Miss Hall of whom you speak – Is she Mr. Marvin's niece?

I remember his sister Mrs Hall had two daughters, who intended going away to school – & as you spoke of her getting on at Jamestown – Thought probably she was one of them – And how nice it would be, if such were the case –

I presume, owing to your near quarters to the teacher, you will come home quite a circumspect young lady. Though I'll admit that you always did behave beautifully so it won't be hard for you to be on your good behavior. How delightful it is that you have Hemie so near you –

I have a vague suspicion that Boston will see most as much of his smiling face as Hartdetown – and don't think he could hardly be censured for giving it the preference – And then it will be such a splendid opportunity for you to go to the theater – Expect you enjoyed seeing McCullough – I think him very good – have seen him twice, once in "The Gladiator" & in "Julius Caesar" –

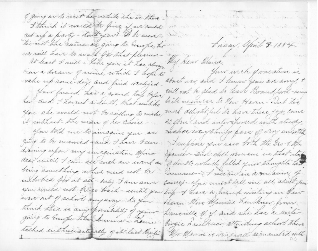
Did you see Irving when he was in Boston? I saw him last week in "The Bells" & "The Belle's Stratagem". He if you have never read it. I will send it to you, & you can mark it - if you want to. He would like that very much better. I have no fear, my dear girl, of causing my friends any disappointment, when I have the pleasure of a visit from you - On the contrary I will have to hold on to you, in order to keep you by my side."

You see when I like any one - I never have any doubt, as to my friends being likewise favorably impressed - And now Mina dear, let me ask one favor of you - please do not "Miss Lyon" me! I know 'tis pleasant to be missed but not in such a formal manner -

I would feel like you thought more of me, if you called me Louise - Now write to me soon - Remember me always to Louis - I had a cute letter from your Aunt Alice - she said she was sitting writing to me - when she

school - and is quite pleased with the progress she is making - You needn't hesitate Mina to go see her, without any formality, for she is a dear little body - and you will not have any the fears you anticipate upon meeting her. Was sorry you did not go see her while Jamie was with you - but suppose your time was fully occupied. What a great girl she is - she assured me, she would only be gone two weeks - and here she is just returning -

I have not heard from her - but Mary had a letter written while she was with you - She doubtless had a grand time in N. Y. My! How you do swell it, my dear girl - so many trips to the great city in a year - until you will naturally conclude, that 'tis necessary to your happiness - Expect Jamie purchased a lot of pretty things & hope her dresses proved satisfactory - She reached home just at the right time - for travel is not safe now, owing to the high waters - The Ohio happened to look up & there stood Mr- Hawthorne, just like a "spook" - She said at first it most took her breath away - I wrote back & told her from what she & Lewie had said - for I never had seen him - that I imagined him as looking like one of these monkeys - that when you open the lid - springs up & scares you - I may do the poor man an injustice but my impression is due to Lewie's description mostly - I gave your message to Mr. Elder - & convinced him - that I had done as he commissioned me - which seemed to gratify him - Mary is very happy over a new ring her father brought her from New Orleans - three diamonds - a ruby & a sapphire - & is very pretty - I would always though rather have a solitaire - My post-script will soon be as long as my letter - So good-night, my sweet girl - & do write to me as soon as you can, and always call me lovingly Your true friend - Louise -



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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Friday, April 4-1884-

My Dear Mina,

Your week of vacation is about over, and I know you are sorry, & will not be glad to leave Brandford-owing to its nearness to New Haven- But 'tis most delightful to have these joys come so often- and interspersed with study, makes everything pass off very smoothly.

I suppose you saw both Mr. Geo & Mr. Spencer- and still remain in that state of doubt, which filled your thoughts last Summer- (I mean in a measure, of course)- You must tell me all about your trip- I have a friend visiting in New Haven- Miss Minnie Faulkner from Dansville N. Y. and she has a sister Virgie Faulkner attending school there. Mr. Mann is very well acquainted with

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of going over to visit her while she is there-

I think it would be fine, if we could get up a party- don't you? To be sure 'tis not the same as going to Europe, but we will have to wait for that pleasure-

At least I will- Like you it has always been a dream of mine, which I hope to wake up some day, and find realized-

Your friend has a grand trip before her- and I haven't a doubt, that unlike you she would not be willing to make it without the man of her choice-

You told me to imagine you as going to be married- and I have been drawing upon my imagination, Mina dear, until I can see such an event as being something which need not be unlooked for at all- only I am sure you would not be so rash- until you were out of school anyway- Do you think there is any possibility of your going to Europe this Summer- Louie talked enthusiastically of it last Winter

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her cousin - She is a very nice young lady. I wondered if any of the young gentleman there, that is those that we have met, had met her. Ask Geo. Vincent will you, when you write to him. I am sure you must have had a pleasant time at Howell. In fact my dear girl, you appear to be enjoying yourself all the time, and I am glad of it, for there is nothing like having a good time, as we journey through life.

And from what Robert says, I rather think your home-folks are going to consent to your acting as brides-maid - and I do sincerely hope they will, for then you can pay me that much talked of visit - Which you _must not fail_ to do - already I have commenced to think of it, and have told some of my friends that I was looking for you, so you can see how confidently I expect you, and what a disappointment it will be if you don't come - We will do all we can to enjoy it together, and I

rather think we can succeed - So you must write me, whether you will stop going or coming, _or both_ - Just whichever you can stay the longest - I would much prefer _the both_, for I shall be so glad to have you with me - Don't look for a wonderfully lively time - but I am selfish enough to want you to come, regardless of all such - Yes, it does truly seem that you and Mrs Gilliland will never meet each other, and it may be that you will meet her yet, for she is coming home some time this month to make a visit, and I expect she will want me to return with her - but it is very doubtful my getting away from home at all this Summer - it would not be possible, if my home-folks are not in better health -

Your Aunt Alice I suppose is now at the Mountain House - 'twas about this time last year that we went - and I should have liked so much to have gone this year, if I could - Robert & I talk some

To my surprise, I see my other paper is all out, so you will have to pardon the presto change. I gave your love to Mary, and she asked why you hadn't answered her letter; as I was not posted, I couldn't tell her. I know how these things are, but expect you had better write to her, when you get an opportunity, as she seems to feel badly about it— Daisy has a young lady visiting her, from Washington D.C. we spent last evening there — & to-morrow evening I am going to take a young gentleman to call— or rather Sunday (don't be shocked)— for to-morrow night, I am going to hear Henry Ward Beecher lecture. Have never heard him, so am quite glad of the opportunity.

I know your entertainment was a success, and would liked to have seen you in your part— for you must have made a "charming widow"— I looked for the program, but as it cameth not, I took it for granted you couldn't "steal me"—

I remember the pleasant call we made at Miss Halls— but I thought she was a twin, and therefore could not be separated from her sister - and for that reason was in doubt as to its being Mr. McGarvins niece -

Robert tells me Jennie has been up to Canton. she seems to make them flying visits very often - Will she go to the wedding? I should be delighted if she would; or if she would come this far with you - We are looking for a cousin from the West, on the evening train - so I must have to leave you - Now Mina dear, write to me soon - and tell me that you are coming and when - for I shall anxiously look for your letter - With ever so much love & a kiss - I am always

Your loving friend
Louise M. Igoe.

Don't disappoint me about the visit!!!!

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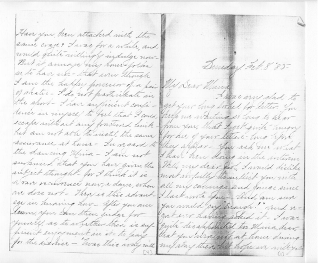

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Editor's Notes

Mentions the illness of her grandmother Louise. Mina's Aunt Alice is not feeling well. Roller skating is quite the rage in Canton. Lots of discussion of dancing, cooking, making tea. Discusses a book, "The Children of the Abbey" [by the Irish romantic novelist Regina Maria Roche; it first appeared in 1796]. Mentions a recent appearance by Mark Twain and George Washington Cable, which she found very entertaining [they did speaking tours together]. Lillie is planning on going to the World's Fair in New Orleans. Asks whether Mina has met Lilllie's friend, Miss Fox, who is very bright. Louise and her brother are thinking of going to the Exposition in March. Mentioned: Miss Hall; Dr. Houghton.

Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Exhibition. New Orleans Cotton (1884-1885)
- Igoe, Phillip Francis
- Fox, Lillian, (Mrs Phillip Igoe)
- Cable, George Washington
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Clemens, Samuel Langhorne
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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Have you been attacked with the same craze? I was for a while, and would quite willingly indulge now- But it annoys my home-folks so, to have me- that even though I am the happy possessor of a pair of skates- I do not participate in the sport- I have sufficient confidence in myself to feel that I could escape without any fractured limb- but am not able to instill the same assurance at home- In regard to the dancing Maria- I am not surprised that you have given the subject thought- for I think it is a rare occurrence now-a-days, when one does not- There is this advantage in knowing how- After you once learn, you can then judge for yourself, as to whether there is sufficient enjoyment in it- to pay for the exercise- 'Twas this way with

Sunday Feb. 8 '85

My Dear Maria,

I was very glad to get your long looked for letter. You keep me waiting so long to hear from you, that I get quite hungry for one of your letters- long before they appear- You ask me what I have been doing in the interim Well, my dear girl, I would dislike most awfully to inflict you with all my comings and goings since I last wrote you- And am sure you would cry, "Enough!" and regret ever having asked it- I was quite disappointed too Maria, dear, that you were not at home during my stay there, but hope we will yet have the pleasure of a visit to-gether-

How much I would have enjoyed a visit from you this Winter- For it has been unusually gay here in a social way- More parties- "teas"- lunches & receptions than has been known here for some time-

There are so many young ladies just out of school- twelve have made their "debut" this Winter- And then there has been a number of visitors here, all of which tends towards making it very lively. You would like the young ladies here, I know- for I think we have as charming society, as you will find any place-

This may sound a trifle egotistical but it is only my way of being loyal to the home girls- And I think in these Afternoon entertainments, we have all grown to know each other better. My pleasure has been combined with a grain of anxiety all Winter- owing to the constant sickness of our Grandmother- She is still quite feeble- but better than she was last week- Last night was my night to sit up with her- so to-day I am not feeling very bright- She is so lovely & patient through all her sickness- and quite an example to us all- Robert writes me your Aunt Alice is not feeling at all well- I am so very sorry to hear it- for had hoped her treatment with the Cleveland doctor, might benefit her. The young man tells me he is going to acquire the art of roller-skating-

It seems to be quite the rage in Canton, and they have one of the nicest rinks I ever saw- Mrs. Gilliland writes me she is learning too-

is not an easy accomplishment by
any manner of means - but one I
should like very much to possess -
The thing that worries me most,
is my getting so little time to read -
That I should enjoy above all things -
but with so many other matters to
attend to - I find so little time -
Have just finished "But yet a
Woman" - But did not like it -
There seems to be something lack-
ing in it - I had heard so much
of it, that I was quite disappointed.
Have you ever read "The Children
of the Abbey" - It is a very old book -
My Mother & Aunts read it when
they were girls - Your Aunt Alice
gave it to me to read - and I liked
it ever so much - My cousin is
wrapt up in it, at present - This
week we are going way back, and
read Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress -

me - My family - though staunch
Methodists, sent me to dancing-
school - when I was quite a small
girl - I won't say how long ago -
so I haven't that desire to dance, that
I probably would have had, had I
been restricted - As it is I care
nothing for it - and never dance -
even when the opportunity offers - I
always find I can enjoy myself
without, and for that reason I do
not miss it - Of course it is an
accomplishment - And I think one
is always ambitious to at least
know something of all accomplish-
ments - Yet there are so many
more, that are in every way more
beneficial - that if I were in your
place, my dear Edna - I would
not grieve over not possessing this -
So long as there are so many others
you can possess - without conflict -

in any way with your Father - For I really do not believe you would derive sufficient pleasure from it, to make up for his feelings on the subject. This is merely my frank opinion on the subject - Probably had you applied to some one - who looks upon "the light fantastic," as the height of happiness - they would have advised you differently - But to my thinking, one can be a success socially - and I am sure more of one physically - which is every thing in this life - as well without as with it. Tell me if you are disappointed in this advice -

For you may already have decided to take the lessons - & I think the cooking-lessons are quite a good idea -

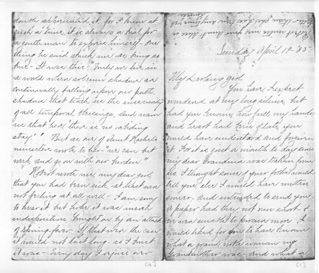
To be sure you get nothing but the theory - but it may be of service to you - when — you come to practice

There is nothing you know, that makes perfect, but practice - Still it is better to have the theory than no knowledge of it - So I think I would rather like that. The other day at a lunch - one of the young ladies said she had just learned to make tea - Another - who is just home from school - said she had taken cooking-lessons at school - but she had only acquired the art of making chocolate - Whereupon - one of the others asked her if she "used all milk" - She said she thought she did - but she had most forgotten - Then she asked her if she boiled the chocolate first - or did she put it right into the milk - "This was a stunner" - as the boys would say - And she replied - She "didn't really know - that she couldn't tell without looking at the recipe" - It

tire you out - I wish you could step
in and spend the evening with me -
It has been too slippery to venture
out to-day - Give my love to Miss
Hall - I wish she would go with
you some time to Mrs. *G's* - for I
know she would like to have her -
Write to me soon, one of your
good - *long* letters - The last one
was too brief - It is not fair -
With a world of love - I am
always Your loving friend
Louise M. Igoe -

We are going to read it aloud - so I think it will be very interesting - I always feel that I would like to read these old books - but there are so many new ones, that one naturally lays them aside - Am reading "The Bread Winners" too - You know Dr. Houghton is credited with having written that - so I hope I shall like it - You did not say how you liked Mark Twain & Cable - They were here yesterday - & a short time ago - Our folks all went - and were very much pleased with them - particularly the former - I have never heard either of them - Did *Mark* - tell the story of "The golden Arm"? You ask me if I will come East this Spring - I think not my dear girl - I should enjoy it ever so much - but will not leave home until our sick folks get better - You are very kind to want me to come see you this Summer- I should like it above all things to have a visit with you- And I would be glad to think I could look forward to such a treat- But will not allow myself to count on it- for fear I might be disappointed- Do you still keep up your days for fancy-work? I should think you would like painting Mina- And you would have such good opportunities while in Boston to work- The club met here a few weeks ago- and I painted fans for the girls on bolting- cloth- It is such fascinating work- that if I could- I would like to devote considerable time to it- Robert has been spending his spare moments playing Whist- Did he tell you? They seem to have very good times playing- Otherwise he says Canton is rather dull- I get a great deal of the Canton news- but little of the Akron- For you know Jane is not prone to letter-writing- I have rather inundated her with my epistles, but they don't seem to call forth a speedy response- I know though she has her hands full- Lillie writes me she is going to the World's Fair- at New Orleans- I do hope she will come this way- for I am quite anxious to see her- Have you met her friend yet- Miss Fox?- She is a very bright- lovely girl- and so energetic- She is not very strong- but she accomplishes so much-

My brother + I talk of going to the Exposition in March- if all goes well at home- And now my dear Mina, I have rattled on at a sufficient rate, to quite-



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Editor's Notes

Robert told her Mina has been sick. Daisy Gaston is coming to Boston; Mrs. Gilliland invited her and Louise. Mina is going to visit New Haven [George Vincent was attending Yale.] Wants to hear about Mina's trip to Toronto [cf. FI001AAA14]. Hears from Mrs. Houghton that Chester Massey is engaged to some fortunate damsel. Misunderstanding with Lillie. Louise's grandmother (died one month earlier); Louise's Aunt Rachel; Miss Boffinger (just got married); Miss Vale; Miss Margaret (Mina's friend in Boston).

Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Brown, Bettie Bofinger (Mrs George W.)
- Vincent, Anna, (Mrs Chester D. Massey)
- Massey, Chester Daniel
- Massey, Lillian Frances
- Gaston, Daisy
- Hall, Margaret
- Clark, Rachel Kinder
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Vincent, George Edgar

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doubly appreciated it. for I know at such a time, it is always a trial for a gentleman to express himself - One thing he said struck me as being so true - It was this - "Truly we live in a world where solemn shadows are continually falling upon our path. shadows that teach us the uncertainty of all temporal blessings, and warn us that here, 'there is no abiding stay.'" But as one of Aunt Rachel's ministers wrote to her - "we can but weep, and go on with our burden."

Robert wrote me, my dear girl, that you had been sick, at least were not feeling at all well - I am sorry to hear it but hope it was merely indisposition, brought on by an attack of Spring-fever. If that were the case it would not last long - so I trust it was - Every day I rejoice over

Robert writes me your Aunt Alice is better than she has been anytime yet.
Louise

Sunday. April 19-'85-

My Darling girl

You have, I expect, wondered at my long silence, but had you known, how full my hands and heart had been of late, you would have understood and forgiven it. For it is just a month to-day since my dear Grandma was taken from us. I thought some of your folks would tell you, else I would have written sooner - And intended to send you a paper had they not run short - & we were unable to procure more. I would liked for you to have known what a grand, noble woman my Grandmother was - and what a useful life she had led, until she was deprived of her health. And even then she was strong in mind and we were always influenced and led by her advice, and loved to feel that we were ruled by her. She had such fine principle, and keen sense of the right, that we always knew in her counsel we were safe - And such a beautiful Christian character - her face showed the purity of the life she led - both in thought and act - And with it all, she had such a quiet dignity, that all who knew her loved and respected her. Her good influence was to me the grandest trait - for I think of all things desirable, the most is to be able to not only do right yourself - but to cause others to do so.

And Grandma's life certainly did have this effect upon many - She

was eighty-five years old - permitted to stay with us, beyond the time allotted to man - yet we were not prepared to give her up - and when the final rest came - we felt that a bright light had been taken from us - but we were not left in darkness - for it was a light - that will never cease to shine. Though we miss her sadly, and were saying to-day we could scarcely have realized that it could make such a void in our home. She had been an invalid for three years, and that constant care and anxiety for her - made us feel her loss even more. I feel that if I could only keep her before me always as an example - and follow closely in her way - And I hope I may -

Yesterday I received such a beautiful letter from Edward - and wrote me Miss Boffinger was married — I fear Lewis will miss her, as a correspondent — I forgot to tell you Mina, about the affair of calling, of which you spoke — Don't allow yourself to worry over it my dear — for it was simply a misunderstanding. Lillie should have asked you to call, and she said, it was her mistake — when she was here — you would have liked the young ladies — but mistakes will happen you know — And Lillie was real sorry — I am glad there is a young lady there "who looks like me"

For when you see Miss Vale — you *have* to *think* of me. Give my love to Miss Margaret — And now, my dear girl, do write to me soon — but I know you will, since you understand my delay in answering — Always your true & loving friend

my good health — which needs no confirmation — for my face speaks for itself — so *round* & full is it growing.

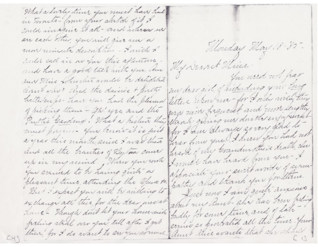
We have been taking *constitutionals* every afternoon — and to these I attribute my excellent & robust feeling.

We usually walk from five to six, which of course necessitates, either one of the girls going home with me for tea, or I with them — so you see, we make them doubly enjoyable. Miss Gaston — *sometimes* Mary — & I usually go-together. Daisy — that is Miss Gaston — may be in Boston, before you return home — and if she is, you must meet her — She has heard me speak of you so often, that the desire is here, to meet you, and I am sure you will like her — She may get there too late however. Mrs. Gilliband has extended an invitation to Daisy & myself to come in June, and visit them in Boston - then go with them to the sea-shore, and spend the month of July.

It is a lovely invitation, and I would be delighted to accept it - but it does not look possible now - so I don't even allow myself to think of it - but am hoping Daisy will go - and am most sure she will - for she will have a grand time. We scarcely know now what arrangements we will make for the Summer - so I can not plan for anything. My Aunt Rachel, you know is quite an invalid, and if she decides to go away - as she probably will - for her health - I will go with her. and so the matter rests. But my dear girl, you have a pleasant trip in prospective for you - at New Haven -

What a pleasure it will be - and I am sure you will enjoy it. As your friends will enjoy having you. Geo. Vincent - will acquit himself with honor. I am sure - and it will be nice to be a witness on the occasion.

How happy & proud of him, his parents will be. I am always glad Minna dear, to hear you are having a good time - and hope it will always be so. You must have enjoyed your trip to Toronto - Give me the benefit of it, by telling all about it. I had a letter from Mrs. Houghton, saying they were invited to visit there - and I thought you might meet - but they are not invited until the 28th. She says Mr. Chester Massey - is engaged to some "fortunate damsel". "One by one the roses fall." Edward -



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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Johnson, Abby H
- Gaston, Daisy
- Hall, Margaret
- Clark, Rachel Kinder
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

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Monday May 18-85.

My Dearest Mina -

You need not fear my dear girl, of *intruding* your *long* letters upon me - for I only wish they were more frequent, and more lengthy, thereby giving me double enjoyment - for I am always so very glad to hear from you. I knew you had not heard of my Grandmother's death, else I would have heard from you - I appreciate your sweet words of sympathy, and thank you for them.

Just now I am quite anxious about my Aunt - she has been feeling badly for some time, and of late - seems so prostrated all the time. Your Aunt Alice wants that she should

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What a lovely time you must have had in Toronto - from your sketch of it I could imagine it all - and when we see each other, you will give me a more minute description. I wish I could call in on you this afternoon - and have a good talk with you. Am sure Miss [illegible] would be delighted with you? And the daisies & pretty buttercups - have you had the pleasure of picking them - Oh! yes, and the Public *Gardens*! What a picture they must present - You know it is just a year this month, since I was there and all the beauties of Boston come up in my mind. When you wrote you seemed to be having quite a pleasant time, attending the Opera &c. But I expect you will be willing to exchange all this, for the dear ones at home - Though don't let your home-sick feeling steal over you, till after I get there, for I do want to see you so much.

by her doctor – and strange as it may seem, we may go on to Consult with him. It would seem strange to me – for I have rather regarded him in the light of man without much merit – but he has helped your Aunt Alice – so she says – And if he should help Aunt Rachel, I should feel like singing his praises forever.

So we have been able to benefit her here – so that I feel willing to try any one – And if she is equal to the trip – we may go on to the sea-shore and make Mrs. Gilliland a visit. She presents it all, in such an enticing light – that I think it will be charming. Miss Gaston will surely go next month – so you will meet her and am sure you will like her – We will not be there until the following month when I do hope we will still find you there – Lillian said she wanted you to come & visit her – at [illegible] – and

together I imagine we could have a lovely time. There is no telling how long we will stay – for if Aunt Rachel gets restless, we will try the Mountains.

I think it is lovely of Lillian to extend such a charming invitation, & how well I know – from last years experience, the extent to which we can all enjoy it. Aunt Rachel & I had talked seriously of going to Denver – but they all seemed to think the air would be too light for her, and it would be too far from home – You may know this other strikes me much more favorably.

Every day we realize that she should get away some place – though it seems too late so long – as she does not care to go until house-cleaning &c. is all through –

You know I would just as soon miss that as not – And it is getting so very warm now – that I expect Summer will soon be upon us – and will as usual, not find me ready at least.

beautiful music – I am told – and are to be here next week – Mary Elder has a brother attending the Polytechnic School in Terre Haute, and he is very anxious Mary & I should come over there to hear them, and spend Sunday with him – It would be very pleasant – but I fear I can not go – Well, my dear girl, my letters are not half interesting enough, in return for the good ones you send me – but I promise to do better _by & by_. Give Margaret – Miss Margaret – Excuse me! A great deal of love for me – and tell her she must not forget me, when she leaves school – and haunt you to remind her of me – Write me soon Minnie dear – and tell me of your plans – when you go to New Haven & if you can accept the invitation of Mrs. G – and Oh! tell me _all_ you know of _recent_ date – With a world of love to you, my sweet girl – I am always
Your most loving friend Louise.

I had a letter from Robert the other day – he had been to the circus, and indulging in various dissipations, in the form of parties – progressive euchre &c.

I told him he was too _wildly gay_, for any use. I guess he has given up his trip of which you spoke, as he has said nothing about it – except that your Father had gone to Texas – and he guessed he was home for the Summer – I had hoped to stay at home myself, and have you, if I could induce you, to come & visit me – but it would be a sorry old visit, with sickness in the house – so I will wait, until I can make it pleasanter for you – I don't know of anything that would give me more pleasure – I am but poor company myself sometimes – I am so anxious about my Aunt – But it is necessary that I should be cheerful on her account, so I do not allow myself to think about it. Have you made up your mind to return to Butler next year - or do you think you will make this your last? I expect your home-folks will be so glad to have you back - that they will not be willing to part with you.

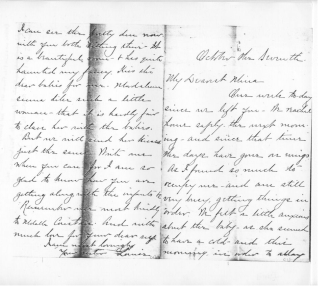
And Janie - you know you are to relieve her - You never told me what you did about the cooking lessons - and as you did not speak of it I rather infered you gave it up - And if this weather continues I think you have shown ~~a~~ wisdom in so doing -

Two of my friends were married not long ago - one of them much older than I, and the other younger - only eighteen years of age - and an orphan -

They had such pretty weddings - the first one was, I thought, an ideal wedding - she married a gentleman near Cleveland - and has gone there - to Lorain - to live - she writes back

that everything is lovely - Her rooms are beautiful - and happiness reigns supreme - The other one lives here - and has gone to house-keeping, in a dear little house of her own - I went with a young gentleman to call on them the other evening - The gentleman she married, is ten years older than she - but he doesn't seem near 28 - and the two together - seemed so child-like and bland - that I told my friend, I felt like we were going back into the next generation. The bride is just out of school, she went to school in Washington D.C. - and it was only an engagement of six months - She went on the principle, that the way to make true love run smoothly, was to make the way short.

To-morrow there is to be a large reception - so there is something going on all the time - to occupy one's leisure moments - Has the Mexican Band been in Butler? They make such



October the Seventh.

My Dearest Mina

One week to-day since we left you - We reached home safely the next morning - and since that time the days have gone on wings As I found so much to occupy me - and am still very busy, getting things in order. We felt a little anxious about the baby - as she seemed to have a cold - and this morning, in order to allay

I can see the pretty den now with you both sitting there - It is a beautiful room - & has quite haunted my fancy. Kiss the dear babies for me - Madeleine seems like such a little woman - that it is hardly fair to class her with the babies. But we will send her kisses just the same. Write me when you can - for I am so glad to know how you are getting along, with the infants &c. Remember me most kindly to Mdlle Caristan. And with much love for your dear self

I am most lovingly
Your sister Louise

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr

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Remember me most kindly to Mdlle Coustain. And with much love for your dear self

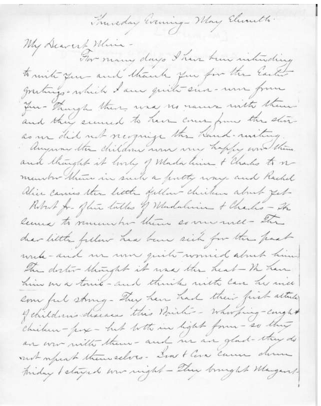
I am most lovingly
Your sister Louie

October the Seventh.

My Dearest Nina

One week to-day since we left you - We reached home safely the next morning - and since that time the days have gone on wings. As I found so much to occupy me - and am still very busy, getting things in order. We felt a little anxious about the baby - as she seemed to have a cold - and this morning, in order to allay our fears - we called the doctor. He assured me, she was very well - and needed no medicine. So now we will feel quite satisfied. We look back with great pleasure - my dear girl - upon the few days we spent with you so pleasantly. And the only draw back - is, that they were too brief to suit us. It was our first outing with two babies - and perhaps for that reason - it were far better - that we did not tarry long. But the next time they will both be older - and it will be much easier. Lewis

came down and spent Sunday with us. He said they were well - all well at home. and we told him to have Mother Miller come down - for we would like so much to have a visit from her. Lewis said Mary had gone to Minneapolis - and he thought the wedding was fine. I presume you know I mean the Studebaker wedding. Did you see the bride? And was she radiantly happy? Robert joins me in much love to you and Mr. Edison. I expect he is still making rash threats of attending the ballot.



Thursday Evening - May Eleventh.

My Dearest Mina -

For many days I have been intending to write you - and thank you for the Easter greetings - which I am quite sure - were from you - though there was no name with them and they seemed to have come from the store - as we did not recognize the hand-writing. Anyway the children were very happy over them and thought it lovely of Madeleine & Charles to remember them in such a pretty way - and Rachel Alice carries the little yellow chicken about yet. Robert Jr. - often talks of Madeleine & Charles - He seems to remember them so very well - The dear little fellow has been sick for the past week - and we were quite worried about him. The doctor thought it was the heat - We have him on a tonic - and think with care he will soon feel strong - They have had their first attack of childrens diseases this Winter - whooping-cough & chicken-pox - but both in light form - so they are over with them - and we are glad - they do not repeat themselves - Ira & Cora came down Friday & stayed over night - They brought Margaret

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Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Margaret

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Thursday Evening – May Eleventh.

My Dearest Maria –

For many days I have been intending to write you – and thank you for the Easter greetings – which I am quite sure – were from you – though there was no name with them and they seemed to have come from the store – as we did not recognize the hand-writing.

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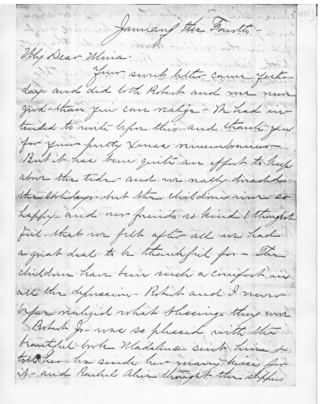
and we all enjoyed their little visit very much- Lewis came down Saturday night & stayed until Monday- He went to call on his former Aunt & was most heartily received by Norman Chance telling him they did not want to see him or any of the family- It is quite a surprise to us that the Akron people see things as they do- but I think it will gradually dawn upon them after a few such greetings- Robert is still undergoing his trial- They say here- it is "persecution"- But it can not last forever- It has been a dreadful ordeal for him- and my heart has ached for him- You must write to him- for your letters do him so much good- and he has felt all along- you have been in sympathy with him- and understood something of the trouble through which he was passing- I hope you are all well- and happy- Give many kisses to the children for our little ones- & tell them how much they thank them for their remembrances- I will let you know how we come out of our unpleasantness- Robert has just come home- and says to give you his love- Ever so much love to you & Mr. Edison- I understand his scheme is working beautifully & we are glad to hear it- Hoping to hear from you soon-

I am most lovingly Louise



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January the Fourth –

My Dear Mina –

Your sweet letter came yesterday and did both Robert and me more good than you can realize – We had intended to write before this and thank you for your pretty Xmas remembrances – But it has been quite an effort to keep above the tide – and we really dreaded the Holidays – but the children were so happy and our friends so kind & thoughtful that we felt after all we had a great deal to be thankful for – The children have been such a comfort in all the depression – Robert and I never before realized what blessings they were.

Robert Jr – was so pleased with the beautiful book Madaline sent him & tell her he sends her many kisses for it – and Rachel Alice thought the slippers

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Rachel Alice
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[1895]

January the Fourth -

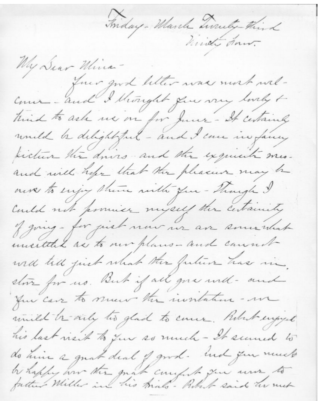
My Dear Mina -

Your sweet letter came yesterday - and did both Robert and me more good than you can realize - We had intended to write before this - and thank you for your pretty Xmas remembrances - But it has been quite an effort to keep above the tide - and we really dreaded the holidays - but the children were so happy - and our friends so kind & thoughtful - that we felt after all we had a great deal to be thankful for - The children have been such a comfort in all the depression - Robert and I never before realized what blessings they were.

Robert Jr - was so pleased with the beautiful book Madaline sent him & tell her - he sends her many kisses for it - and Rachel Alice thought the slippers fair - she immediately took off her shoes and put them on - My shades will just fit in the yellow room - and the pretty little calendar - also - Robert was delighted with his cigars - and will undoubtedly tell you so - very soon - Poor fellow! He has had so much to annoy him - The wrath of the Chances has been something dreadful - We cannot account for it - Robert could overlook it in him - but in her - it seems incredible - Jennie Chance has been loyal to us right along - and although they have left no stone unturned to ruin Roberts reputation - our friends seem the same - and Mr. + Mrs. Chance we can drop out of our life - It has been a most severe trial - but I think we will both be stronger and better for it - Your kind words of encouragement I could see did Robert a lots of good - as I tell Robert - with a clear conscience and good health - and the support of kind words from those we love - we can face a great many obstacles - And I guess the back is always broad enough for any burden - I wish something would lift dear father Miller out of himself - He is so sad - and it seems so hard for him to rally - We would so gladly cheer him up if we could - for it makes my heart ache to think of him grieving - The rest of us are young - and can stand it - But in his declining years - it seems he should know nothing but happiness -

We can only look on the bright side and hope for better things - for after all - "The world is full of roses - & the rose is full of dew - and the dew is full of heavenly love - that drips for me & you!"

I hope you will have a great deal of happiness Mina dear - this New Year & that it will be a happy, prosperous one to Mr. Edison (Ricky) I thank you for your kind invitation - It is very lovely of you to want me - but I could hardly leave Robert this Winter - Many kisses to the babies - A heart full of love to you & to all - Most lovingly - Louise -



Friday - March Twenty-third
Ninety Four.

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Title
[X104OJ], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 23rd, 1894

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Kinder, Sarah H
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Igoe, Georgia Schwister (Mrs Stanley)

Date
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Subject

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- Newspapers, books, other publications

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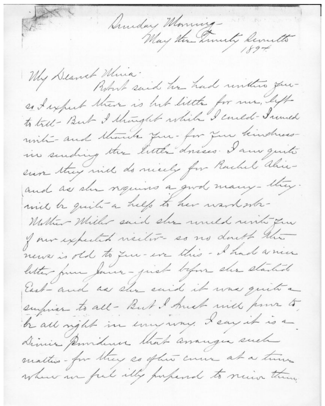
him at Chattanooga - and was looking so
well - I hope their journey will prove satisfactory - Anyway they will have tested the
virtues of the South - and Robert will be
very much better satisfied to have made
the trip. I presume Madaline & Charles
like Robert Jr. & Rachel Alice are beginning to
look forward to Easter - They were pasting
paper eggs in the Kindergarten this morning
and yesterday they were making crocuses.
It is such nice work for them - They seem
to have quite recovered from the whooping-cough - which is a great relief to us. Give
my love to Mr. Edison - Is the picture of
him in the March Chautauquan not a
speaking one? We thought it excellent -
Aunt Sadie surprised us by coming last
night - We were over to Massillon taking a
birthday dinner with Stanley - when she
surprised us all by coming in - Georgia had
written her to do so - It is so very nice to
have her here - though she can only stay

a short time – The children send much love & many kisses to Madaleine & Charles – Robert Jr. talks a great deal of Charles – and Orange – I hope you may all have a very happy Easter – I think they said the boys and Grace were to be with you – That will be fine – Give them all a great deal of love from us all – With much love to you – trusting you may find time to write me soon again – I am lovingly

Your sister,
Louise.



Sunday Morning-
May the Twenty Seventh
1894

My Dearest Mina-

Robert said he had written you- so I expect there is but little for me, left to tell- But I thought while I could- I would write- and thank you- for your kindness in sending the little dresses. I am quite sure they will do nicely for Rachel Alice- and as she requires a good many- they will be quite a help to her wardrobe- Mother Miller said she would write you of our expected visitor- so no doubt the news is old to you- ere this- I had a nice letter from Jane- just before she started East- and as she said it was quite a surprise to all- But I trust will prove to be all right in every way. I say it is a Divine Providence that arranges such matters- for they so often come at a time when we feel illy prepared to receive them.

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Title
[X104OK], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 27th, 1894

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Subject

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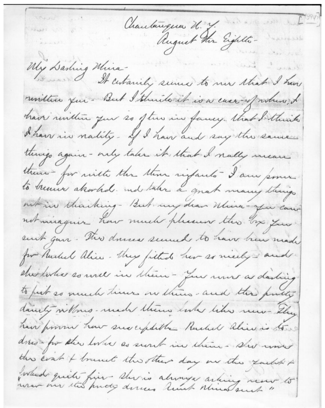
and we have had so much else to think of- I have hardly given any time or thought to- what is usually of so much importance.

Your letter did Robert so much good- He was to have had his hearing yesterday, but for some reason- the other side asked to post-pone it- It is annoying to have it hang on so- and I think has worn on him quite a good deal- He said they had encouraging work from Father Miller yesterday and if that only keeps up- he will feel quite happy over it- Every little counts to lift the clouds- and they will have to roll by after while- Tell Charles- Robert Jr- is in Trousers- and feels such a big boy- Rachel Alice cried because she could not wear them too- Give the children many kisses for them- and for us also- You must give Edith my love- I think she is a dear girl- and hope we will have the pleasure of seeing her at Chautauqua this Summer- We think we will go about the middle of July - and the children talk of it constantly - They have great fun packing & unpacking their trunk - Give Mr. Edison ever so much love for us - We are hoping great success for him in his undertaking - I should think he would be quite worn out - and the rest at Chautauqua - would do him a world of good - We had a nice visit from Mother Miller last week - One of her little wee visits - but we enjoyed every minute of it - Write us when you can - and Robert will undoubtedly keep you posted - as to the progress we make - He & the children are at S. School - and it will soon be time for their return - They would all send you ever so much love - and with a lot of love from me - I am

Always Yours lovingly

Louise.


Chautauqua N.Y.
August the Eighth-

[1894]

My Darling Mina-

It certainly seems to me that I have written you- But I think it is a case of where I have written you so often in fancy that I think I have in reality- If I have and say the same things again- only take it that I really mean them- for with the three infants- I am prone to become absorbed and take a great many things out in thinking- But my dear Mina- you cannot imagine how much pleasure the box you sent gave- The dresses seemed to have been made for Rachel Alice- they fitted her so nicely- and she looks so well in them- You were a darling to put so much time on them- and the pretty dainty ribbons- made them look like new- They have proven how susceptible Rachel Alice is to dress- for she looks so sweet in them- She wore the coat & bonnet the other day on the Yacht & looked quite fine- She is always asking now to wear one the pretty dresses Aunt Mina sent"

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Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

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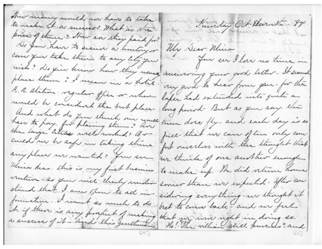
Your loving sister
Louise



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Title

[X104OM], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 11th, 1894

Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Aultman (C.) & Co
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Margaret

Date

1894-10-11

Type

Letter

Subject

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- Sales and service
- Ore milling and separation
- Motion picture cameras

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Thursday Oct. Eleventh - '94

My Dear Mina

You see I lose no time in answering your good letter - It seemed very good to hear from you - for the lapse had extended into quite a long period - But as you say - the time does fly - and each day is so full - that we can often only comfort ourselves with the thought that we think of one another enough to make up. We did return home sooner than we expected - After considering everything - we thought it best to come back - and we feel that we were right in doing so.

No! "The villain still pursues" and

How many would we have to take to make it a success? What is the price of them? How are they paid for?

Do you have to secure a territory or can you take them to any city you wish? Do you know how they usually place them? I mean in a hotel - R. R. station - regular office or where would be considered the best place

And what do you think we would have to pay - for placing them? Are the large cities well worked? Or could we be safe in taking them any place we wanted? You see Mina dear - this is my first business venture - so you will clearly understand that I am open to all information - I want so much to do it - if there is any prospect of making a success of it - and this gentleman the papers announced night before last - that a receiver had been appointed to look into Robert's affairs - So I presume we will have the whole affair to go over again - but it can never be as great an ordeal as it was before - so we are not going to worry over it - and hope that the long lane will have a turning, as we know it must sooner or later.

About the Kinetograph, It struck us as being quite a fine thing & we have revolved the matter, until I now ask information as it does certainly have an alluring prospect -

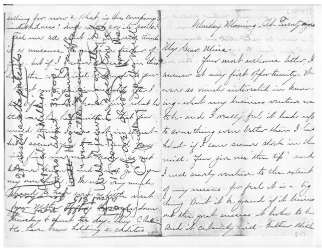
You know Robert has taken up the Chautauqua Work - as Agent for Ohio & Pennsylvania - and that occupies all his time - He is so anxious to make a success of it - and I think the work has shown quite favorably for him - though it has only fairly been started. Of course it is not a big thing at all financially - but it came just at the right time - which means a good deal - You know these people here would immediately attack anything Robert would undertake - so we thought if we could consider the Kinetograph - after investigating, that I would take it - and get some one to manage it - There is a splendid man here - formerly the dictograph operator at C. Aultman's - a honest, conscientious man - & I think would be just the one to have - He is not employed - and could be secured - if the opening is good -

is willing to go any place - and work it for all there is in it. So if you will let me know at once - I will confer with him - and see what we can do - And I believe we could do it. It would be such a comfort to help Robert along - that I would think it was paid - and we would smile in spite of fate. I know you are delighted that the mill is turning out so well - We were so glad to hear it - and hope "the one thing to be tested" will prove just what it should - and success will be declared.

Father Miller is always so interested and we like to hear him talk about it. You must let us know what the final result is. Your baby is doing beautifully - She is a little darling - the pet of us all - We really do take more comfort out of him - He continues so tender & is trying to cut teeth - I cannot quite make up my mind to take him out of long clothes - and think I will wait a while longer - His toes peep out of his night clothes now - He grows so rapidly.

You do not know how well Rachel Alice looks in the tan coat - It fitted her beautifully - except the sleeves which I easily shortened - They have just come in from their afternoon walk - and send you "fifteen kisses" - And say to tell Madeleine & Charles - "We love you so well, that we want you to come on & see us." Robert joins me in ever so much love to you and Mr. Edison - We will write you soon - Give my love to Edith when you see her - I have been wanting all day to hear from Margaret - They feared yesterday she was threatened with diphtheria - but as we have not heard she must be better - I always dread it so. Will you let me hear right away about the Kinetograph - & the price when it is already for operation - With ever so much love for you - I am

Most lovingly
Louise -



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Editor's Notes
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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Aultman (C.) & Co
- New Jersey and Pennsylvania Concentrating Works
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Igoe, Georgia Schwister (Mrs Stanley)
- Igoe, Stanley Cascius

Date
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Subject

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- Ore milling and separation

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Monday Morning - Oct Twenty eigh

My Dear Mina -

Your most welcome letter I answer at my first opportunity. We were so much interested in knowing what my business venture was to be - and I really feel it leads up to something even better than I had hoped - if I can secure stock in the mill - You give me "the tip" and I will surely venture to the extent of my means - for I feel it is a big thing. Won't it be grand if it turns out the great success it looks to be. And it certainly will - Father Mill

selling for now? What is the company's indebtedness? And what are its assets? Tell me all about it - You will think it a nuisance to make a teacher of you - but if I become educated in this line the credit will redound to you - Will wrote you immediately after I [illegible] before - and I feared from what he told me he had written - that you would think I was not in earnest but I assure you I am - and you will find me right ready - so just let me know and I will go in on my own hook. We were very much pleased to have even a little visit from Mother [illegible] [illegible] down Thursday & spent the day - They C. Autten & Co. have been holding a creditors

Its assets are the patents

Capital 2 Million

Owes about 35,000

~~Will~~ Has no salaried officers

& very little expenses

Will receive a royalty of

15 cents on each ton

of ore shipped from the

Co. pulling up the mill

$15 worth

2 most

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was down - She and Mother Miller a day or two after your letter came & they were so interested in knowing what you had to say - She said as soon as luncheon was over "Give me Mina's letter to read - then I must be off." I hope the final test will prove a grand success - I think Father Miller thought you had made it - but he learned from your letter you had not - I think you are ever so good to give me this opportunity - and I appreciate it while I may not be able to take much I will take what I can - I have a bit of property that I think I can dispose of - and will invest

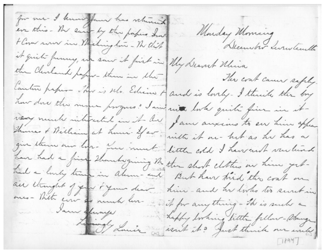
that - The property has always been an out-come - instead of an income - and this may give it a chance to amount to something. You see I am quite - enthusiastic - But in the language of the Dutchman - "I have great hopes for the future" - and I know of no one who has made a greater success of things than Mr. Edison - and do not see why he should not find this his master stroke - I do not know anything about the organization of the milling company - I have heard them talking of it - but have not paid close attention - so if you will tell me I will be ever so glad - What is the capitalized stock? What is the par value of a share - What is the stock not seeing him — Tod hung his head — & looked the common mortal that he is —

No! I think it would gratify them if you gave them that much consideration.

As I tell Robert — "Right is might & Truth must prevail!" It has seemed a long time — but will come out all right in the end — Sometimes it seems it would be right — after all Father Millers business & every thing is settled — for Robert to sue Norman Chanie for slander — What do you think about it? It might not do us any good — but it would prove to the people what he is — They will find that out eventually — So then comes the question — whether it will pay — But I will tire you — so must close — most lovingly — Louie

meeting this week — So that brought Father Miller back on Friday — and we let Robert Jr. go home with him — with the understanding he would return the next morning with Edward — whom Father Miller said was coming down — But it is now Monday & we have heard nothing from the young man —

He took no clothes — even forgot his "nightie" & left it in the baby carriage — So we telegraphed to-day — to find out something of our boy — I presume he is having a fine time — & Rachel Alice fancies he is — so it is her constant wish to go to Akron — She went to Massillon to spend a week with Stanley & Georgia — but got homesick the second evening & they had to bring her home —



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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Monday Morning
December Seventeenth

My Dearest Mina

The coat came safely- and is lovely- I think the boy wi[illegible] look quite fine in it- I am anxious to see him appear with it on- but as he has a little cold I haven't ventured the short clothes on him yet- But have tried the coat on him- and he looks too sweet in it for anything- He is such a happy looking little fellow- Strange isn't it? Just think our uncle

[1894]

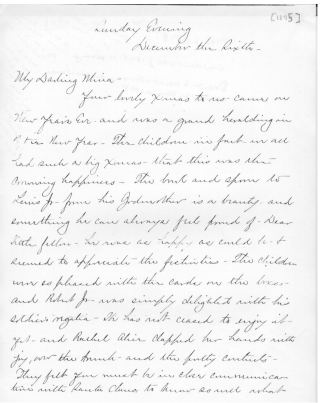
for me- I know Jane has returned ere this- We saw by the papers Ira & Cora were in Washington- We thought it quite funny, we saw it first in the Cleveland paper- then in the Canton paper- How is Mr. Edison & how does the mine progress? I am very much interested in it- Are Thomas & William at home- If so give them our love- You must have had a fine Thanksgiving. We had a lovely time in Akron- and all thought of you & your dear ones- With ever so much love-

I am always
Lovingly
Louise

from to-night is Xmas Eve - The children have visions of Santa Claus dancing through their heads all the time - We have planned to devote the day to them - and make it as full of happiness for them as possible - We are going to divide the day into sections - so as to prolong the pleasure - Give them first their stockings - then the tree - and later have a Xmas pie - some of the little neighbor children always come in - and I thought to have the pie when they came & have some little gift for each one - Then we

are going to have them fish over a curtain for some of their things. and while nothing will be elaborate I think they as well as we will get lots of fun out of it - I hope you will all have a very happy day - and know you will - our remembrances will not amount to much - but they will carry with them enough love to make up for it - Many - many thanks my dear girl - for the beautiful coat and with kisses from the babies to you all - and love to you all from Robert and me - To Mary with Jud's if so kindly kiss her

[X104OP], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 6th, 1895



[1895]

Sunday Evening
December the Sixth -

My Darling Mina -

Your lovely Xmas to us - came on New Year's Eve - and was a grand heralding in of the New Year - The children in fact we all had such a big Xmas - that this was the crowning happiness - The cup and spoon to Lewis Jr - from his Godmother is a beauty - and something he can always feel proud of - Dear little fellow - he was as happy as could be - & seemed to appreciate the festivities - The children were so pleased with the cards on the boxes - and Robert Jr - was simply delighted with his soldier's regalia - He has not ceased to enjoy it yet - and Rachel Alice clapped her hands with joy, over the trunk - and the pretty contents - They felt you must be in close communication with Santa Claus to know so well what

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Editor's Notes
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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- King, Mary Hopkins (Mrs Goodman)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Igoe, Georgia Schwister (Mrs Stanley)
- Igoe, Stanley Cascius

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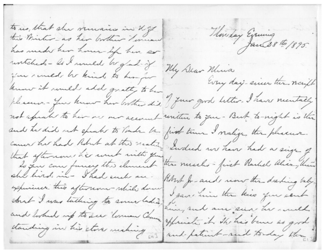
They are going to Indianapolis to live - Stanley is going to take back his old position next month

I think Georgia will like it there very much and Stanley thinks it a Paradise - I had a beautiful Xmas gift from Mary King - a silver tea strainer - with an ebony handle - I had hoped to make her something - but had such a cold - the week before Xmas & finally spent Xmas week in bed - It was such a new role for me - and I did not like it at all -

I am glad you liked our little gifts - They were so modest - but I trust the love made up - Father Miller was down yesterday and he is looking so well - and full of good spirits.

Thanking you Mina dear for all the happiness you gave us all - and with ever so much love to you now and all from us and kisses from the babies to you all - Tell Mr. Edison we hope the New Year will boom the mill - I am most lovingly

Louise



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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Monday Evening
Jan 28th/1895.

My Dear Mina

Every day - since the receipt of your good letter - I have mentally written to you - But to-night is the first time I realize the pleasure.

Indeed we have had a siege of the measles - first Rachel Alice, then Robert Jr - and now the darling baby - I gave him the kiss you sent him, and am sure he would appreciate it. He has been so good and patient - and to-day the

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to us, that she remains in N.Y. this Winter - as her brother Norman has made her home-life here so wretched - So I would be glad if you would be kind to her - for I know it would add greatly to her pleasure - You know her brother did not speak to her on our account - and he did not speak to Nudie because he had Robert at the meeting that afternoon he went with you

So you can fancy the element she lived in - I had such an experience this afternoon - while down street I was talking to some ladies - and looked up to see Norman Chance standing in his store making doctor said he would not call again - so they are dismissed as invalids - But we will have to be very careful with them - while the extreme cold is on. We are so glad they came through it all so nicely. Rachel Alice really had the most serious time of the three. She was so miserable the day John Theodore & Grace were here - Did John tell you he & Theodore had their picture taken with the baby? As soon as they are finished I will send you one - We are delighted that we are to have one of your pictures - Do not fail to send it.

You can never know Nina dear what a comfort you have been to us - in our trials - somehow you seemed to understand them and come closer to us - Robert & I have so often talked of it For at such a time just the right word is what we want and so few can give it But we will hope such times are rapidly passing by - Only I wanted to tell you what a help you had been to us.

You asked about Jennie Hanna Indeed - she has been most kind - and we have every reason to think it is through her loyalty

He will hope her choice a fine
one — I saw the picture of them
when in Akron — He seemed very
nice looking — and they both
looked radiant. It would be quite
a journey to go to the wedding —
But expect she will want
some of her home people with
her. Ever so much love to you
all. How nice that Wm wants
to enter Yale. He is young but
would be glad he had the in-
clination — Kiss the babies many
times for us — And with much
love to Mr. Edison — and to your
dear self from Robert & me — I
am always yours lovingly
Louie

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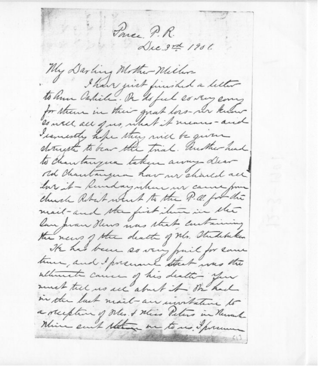
face at me — Just like a maniac —
It was dreadful! But I could not
help but laugh — and I know it
made him perfectly wild — But I
will not write you any more of
this — for am sure it is disgusting
Only I was so full of it this evening
I could see that horrible face all
the time. How you must have
enjoyed John & your Father — And
how lovely to have Mr. Edison at
home so much — I hope when
the mill gets to running — every
thing will go smoothly — and
you will have him with you
all the time. He will be happy
to settle down to home life again
I am so anxious to hear the

result — and do hope everything will be all right. I think you made it all very clear to me — and I thank you very much.

Of course I will not have so very much to invest. You must not smile at the amount — I only wish it were ever so much more for it certainly seems a big thing — But I would, like to have whatever I put in clear — That is not to borrow anything — so if I make, all right — and if I lose, all right. I would rather take shares in the parent company. So when the time comes if you will let me know I will put in what I have and

if the stock does not go up too rapidly — I may be able to take more — I had some property out in Indianapolis — I thought I might be able to dispose of — but this is a bad time to sell — so I will try & be satisfied with what I have — & go on the theory that every little counts. I have great faith in Mr Edison's schemes — and would venture a good deal if I had it. Thomas Jr. wrote the baby such a nice letter — I think we will have to keep it for him.

Robert says he did not know he was in your debt a letter — But will write you soon — I am so glad Marion is so very happy —



Ponce. P.R.
Dec 3rd 1901.

My Darling Mother Miller

I have just finished a letter to Anne Carlisle. We do feel so very sorry for them in their great loss - we know so well, all of us, what it means - and I earnestly hope they will be given strength to bear the trial. Another head to Chautauqua taken away. Dear old Chautauqua how we should all love it - Sunday when we came from church Robert went to the P.O. for the mail - and the first item in the San Juan News was that containing the news of the death of Mr. Studebaker. He has been so very frail for some time, and I presume that was the ultimate cause of his death. You must tell us all about it. We had in the last mail - an invitation to a reception of Mrs. & Miss Peters in Newark. Mina sent nothing on to us. I presume

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- St Paul's School
- Lake, Martha
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Studebaker, Clement
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Roosevelt, Theodore
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

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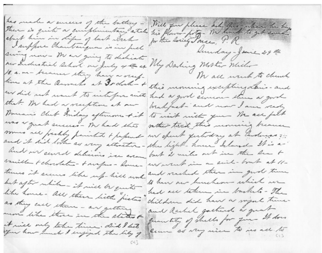
you had the same. We thought it
very sweet of her to remember us, so
far away. Mina sent us a fine
Thanksgiving box - though it has not
yet arrived - I know it is lovely without
seeing it - and it certainly is good
of her to send it - Dear Mina! I think
she is kindness personified. We had
a very happy Thanksgiving - oyster
soup - turkey &c - We had a Whist party
the night before - and had ice-cream
cake - chocolate - and a good time.

The children had their ice-cream
made in Rachel's little freezer - so they
could go to bed early - and yet enjoy
the luxury - for we never tire of ice-
cream down here - and to-day I think
it would taste especially good - as it
is very warm - You are very kind
to think of some one to send down
to our Industrial School - and while I
think Mrs. Lake is a very intellectual
woman we would have to have some
one who could speak both languages - and that would
necessarily have to be some one younger and who had
had that special line of training. I think to-day I have
heard of some one very good - There was a gentleman
calling here from San Juan - and he has a sister whom
he thinks can secure us just the right person - We are
feeling quite proud this week over a large order from
Mrs. Roosevelt for drawn work for the White House - she
has ordered side-board covers and doilies + tea cloths - all
to be marked with U.S. We hope to make them very
handsome - There was a lady down here last winter &
she was so very pleasant that I asked her to dine with
us while her husband was away in one of the other towns
in business - Mrs. Arnold Hague of Washington - and I noticed
in the paper the other day - that she was at one of the
State dinners given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, so
we do, without knowing it seem to meet some very prominent

people - She was a charming woman
The gentleman who called to-day is going to bring anything down for our Society or the P. R. S. S. free of freight. So if you know of any merchants there who want to send anything to the Industrial School - just have them send it to Mr. B. F. Butler. Supt. P. R. S. S. Co -

No 22 Brooklyn Pier
"Miller." N. Y.

and it will come to us free. Is that not nice? We are getting ready now for a Xmas Bazar and are very busy with that - After Xmas we can take a rest. The children are all well except dear old Junior - I fear if Mary does not come down - we will have to send him up. He is growing so fast that I fear he is becoming anemic - the great trouble down here - and he needs a touch of cold to give him a better appetite. Besides if agreeable to the girls, we would like to put him there for a year before going to St. Pauls - I do hope Mary will come down. Ever and ever so much love to you, all - Most lovingly - Louise



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- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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has made a success of the battery – There is quite a complimentary article about him in Life of last week

I suppose Chautauqua is in full swing now – We are going to dedicate our Industrial School on July 4th at 10 a.m. – because they have a reception at the Barracks at 3 o'clock – & we did not want to interfere with that. We had a reception at our Woman's Club Friday afternoon & it was a great success – We had the rooms all freshly painted & papered and it did look so very attractive –

And we served delicious ice cream vanilla & chocolate – & wafers – Sometimes it seems like up-hill work but after while – it will be quite like home – All their little "fiestas" as they call them – are getting more like those in the states & it will only take time. Did I tell you how much I enjoyed the lily of

.Will you please ask Geo – where he buys his flower-pots – We want to get some for the Society

Ponce, P. R

Sunday – June 29th

My Darling Mother Miller –

We all went to church this morning excepting Louis – and had a good sermon then a good breakfast – and now I am ready to visit with you We all felt rather tired this morning because we spent yesterday at Cardonas – the light-house Island – It is about 2 miles out in the Sea & we went in a sail-boat at 11 – and reached there in good time to have our luncheon which we had all taken in baskets – The children did have a royal time – and Rachel gathered a great quantity of shells for you It does seem so very nice to us all. to have dear little Junior back - and Robert is as contented as can be - to think he is with him again

We did so enjoy yours & Gracie's letter - and to have you speak so kindly of him - We think he has improved a great deal - and he seems so fond of you all - that we feel it has been splendid in every way, his being with you

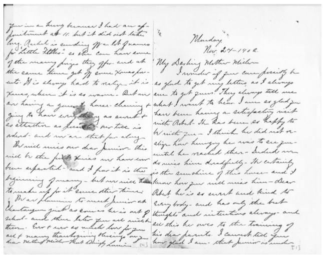
He will surely be back in time to enter school - for we do not want him to lose a day - a day now means weeks later on - Robert says that is early for him to go - but it is none too early - for he certainly does need a change - as he still has the boils - and I think only an entire change - will give him the benefit he needs - He would probably be restless to stay away so long - but as long as he will stay - I think the better it will be. Indeed

we will be desperately lonely with them both gone - but we will know it is only for a short time - and for their good - so we will make the best of it and work hard at something to make the time pass more rapidly - Rachel will be quite heart-broken to have them go without her - dear little body - sometimes we are tempted to let her go - she seems so eager to do so - and thinks she would be supremely happy with you all - but when it comes to the test I am sure we cannot do it - and then she is getting on very nicely in the schools here - We had a good letter from John in the last mail - Dear boy! I wish he were in some settled business - so he did not have to knock around the country so - but he probably will have before long - We are so pleased that Mr Ehim

the valley spray you sent us? I do
hope Gus can give me some good
bulbs- and geranium roots- one
dollars worth of each- and I will
send him the money- Since
the rains I have not done much
in the garden- and I find it needs
a great deal of attention- for in
a short time- things get dreadfully
overgrown- I see by the Spanish
papers- they have had a great hur-
ricane in Indiana- so every place
seems to suffer- Was it not sad
about the King not being able to
be crowned- but to-days paper says
he will re-cover- Somehow we
seem nearer to the foreign powers
down here than at home- I
guess because we meet more
foreign subjects- Though most of
them, when they want to go
home- go to New York & sail from
there- I believe they make better

time. I want to write to Mina
& thank her for her kindness to
Jamie. He was so pleased to have
a day in Orange & seemed to feel
it would have been quite a disap-
pointment had he not seen
Madaline & Chas. He says he will
write you in this mail but he
does so dislike to write. We were
much pleased with the report
Grace sent. Rachel has written
you about the throw - she thinks
it beautiful. We had a nice letter
from Mrs. Barnes Mother Mrs. Kuhns
telling us of her golden wedding &
it must have been lovely - Last
night we had a chafing-dish
party - some of the bridal party - one
of them Miss Locke of Pittsburgh is a
niece of the minister - a cousin of
Katharine Locke she goes home on
this boat. Ever & ever so much love
from us all. Most devotedly

Louise



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Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Rachel Alice
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you in a hurry because I had an appointment at 11. but it did not take long. Rachel is sending off a lot of names for "Little Folks" so she can have some of the many prizes they offer - and at the same time get off some Xmas presents. It is always hard to realize it is Xmas, when it is so warm - But we are having a general house-cleaning & going to have everything as sweet & as attractive as possible - our tree is ordered - and we are that far along.

We will miss our dear Junior - this will be the first Xmas we have ever been separated - and I fear it is the beginning of many - but we will have to make up for it some other time.

We are planning to meet Junior at Chautauqua just as soon as he is out of school - and then later you all with us there. Ever & ever so much love for you all & many thanksgiving blessings on you dear Mother Miller - Most lovingly Laura

Monday
Nov. 24 - 1902.

My Darling Mother Miller

I wonder if you can possibly be as glad to get my letters, as I always am to get yours. They always tell me what I want to hear. I am so glad you have been having a satisfactory visit with Robert - He has been so happy to be with you - I think he did not realize how hungry he was to see you - until he reached there - Indeed we do miss him dreadfully - He certainly is the sunshine of this house and I know how you will miss him - Dear Robert, he is so sweet and kind to Everybody - and has only the best thoughts and intentions always - and all this he owes to the training of his dear parents. I cannot tell you how glad I am - that Junior is under

Your gentle influence, I know it will do him a world of good. We had the Episcopal Bishop here yesterday. He seems very pleasant - and he has a son 23 years old - who received a Yale scholarship - something like $600 a year - and he is now in Rome perfecting himself for the chair in Latin at Yale - and no doubt he will be one of Junior's professors. I showed the Bishop the picture of the gate of dear Theodore - and he was much surprised to learn Theodore was Robert's brother - He said he has passed through the gate many times, and it was beautiful. His family live at that end of the campus. Darling Theodore - I always feel so proud of him - and feel he so well earned the tribute paid him.

How very nice it has been for you all to come to-gether this Thanksgiving. Indeed, I wish with all my heart we might all have been to-gether - but perhaps we can have a re-union at Chautauqua. I had a letter from Mrs. Leech saying she & Carolyn talked of coming here this Winter. I wish they would and bring Laura Clews & Helen Brown - when I write to-day I am going to suggest it. I told Mr. Marvin a young gentleman here that they were coming - and he said "M/ Carolyn Leech - was she ever engaged to a fellow by the name of Bob Lewis" and I said she was the same - He had met her - he thinks at the Yale prom. She says Mr. Lewis is doing splendidly in N.Y. Is it not queer what a small circle we all revolve in after all. I am sure they would find the climate all they could ask - and I really believe they will like it very much - We think it grows more livable all the time. The children have come home from school - and I have just come from the dentists. I had to have